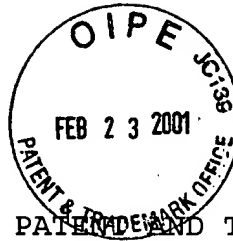


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent 4,914,668
- (2) U.S. Patent 6,034,982
- (3) Japan 5-22530
- (4) Japan 1-205588
- (5) Japan 10-51078
- (6) Japan 6-326210
- (7) Japan 10-48557
- (8) Japan 11-58828

Reference (3) was discussed in the specification at page 1, lines 10 to 14, reference (4) was discussed in the

specification at page 1, lines 21 to 24, reference (5) was discussed at page 2, line 26 to page 3, line 3, and at page 7, line 25 to page 8, line 2, reference (6) was discussed at page 2, line 26 to page 3, line 3, reference (7) was discussed at page 4, lines 1 to 6 and at page 10, lines 14 to 17 and reference (8) was discussed at page 9, lines 13 to 24. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Reference (1) is believed to be an English language counterpart of Reference (4) and Reference (2) an English language counterpart of Reference (5).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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